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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Applicant's Name</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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An English language Abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Patent No: 5-194915, and this publication also relates to a pressure-sensitive adhesive tape. This publication discloses a base material comprising a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant. However, this publication neither describes nor suggests that the base material bears on the other side of thereof than a side having formed a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer at least one of a character and a design constituted of a structure comprising recesses, protrusions or both of them united to the base material at all.

An English language abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Patent No: 5-47249, and this publication also relates to a pressure sensitive adhesive tape. This publication discloses a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant. However this publication neither describes nor suggests that the base on the other side of thereof that a character and a design constituted of a structure comprising recesses, protrusions of both of them united to the base material at all.

An English language abstract, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Patent No: 5-345881 and this publication also relates to a pressure-sensitive adhesive tape. This publication discloses a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant. However, this publication neither describes nor suggests that the base material

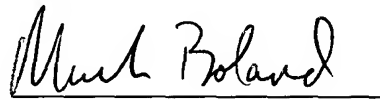
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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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